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SUBJECT: VISIT OF LT. GEN. WILSON TO GREECE APR. 20

1. I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT LT. GEN. WILSON, CMDT
AFSOUTH/16 AF CMDR, PLANS TO ATTEND THE F-4 CEREMONY
AT ANDRAVIDA APRIL 20. FRANKLY, THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO
ME TO BE A GOOD IDEA FOR TWO REASONS, FIRST, PUBLICITY
IN GREECE AND TURKEY CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION OF F-4S
BY GREECE IS ALREADY BEING TIED INTO THE AEGEAN SEA
CONTROVERSY BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY. CONSEQUENTLY,
THERE IS DANGER THAT GENERAL WILSON'S PRESENCE WILL BE
INTERPRETED AS US/NATO SUPPORT FOR THE GREEK POSITION IN
THAT CONTROVERSY.

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2. SECOND, THE GREEK GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO PLAY UP THE

ANNIVERSARY OF THE 21 APRIL 1967 COUP THIS WEEKEND.
PUBLICITY CONCERNING THE TWO CEREMONIES UNDOUBTEDLY
WILL BE LINKED LEADING TO THE INFERENCE THAT THE
US AND NATO SUPPORT THAT COUP.

3. ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE ANDRAVIDA CEREMONY,

I DO NOT INTEND TO GO. UNLES THERE ARE COMPELLING REASONS
FOR GENERAL WILSON TO ATTEND, I THINK IT WOULD BE PRUDENT
FOR HIM TO AVOID IT ALSO.

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